

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic transformer, comprising a multiplicity of displacers guided in a displacer volume, and commutation means (4) for shifting pressure medium supply and discharge to and from the displacers, wherein said commutation means (4) include at least two control recesses (18, 20, 22) connected with a pressure port, consumer port, or tank port (B, A, T), the relative positions of which are variable in relation to the dead-center positions of said displacers, characterized by a dead space (40, 42, 44) through the intermediary of which the displacer volume is increased in a commutation phase.

2. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1, wherein said control means (4) include three control recesses (18, 20, 22) distributed on the periphery, and said dead spaces (40, 42, 44) open into respective ranges between said control recesses (18, 20, 22).

3. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 2, wherein said control recesses are control kidneys (18, 20, 22), and said dead spaces (40, 42, 44) open into respective kidney separation web (25) between two adjacent control kidneys (18, 20, 22).

4. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 2 claim 2 or 3, wherein said control means (4) include a control disc (16) in which said

control kidneys (18, 20, 22) and through bores (23, 27, 29) of said dead spaces (40, 42, 44) are formed.

5. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 4, wherein a part of said dead spaces (40, 42, 44) next to said through bores (23, 27, 29) is formed in a base body (24) of said commutation means (4), in which base body connection passages (26, 28, 30) leading to said ports (A, B, T) are provided at least in portions.

6. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the volume of each dead space (40, 42, 44) is larger than or equal to the displacement volume of a displacer.

7. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 6, wherein the volume of said dead space (40, 42, 44) is less than five times the displacement volume.

8. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~, wherein one of said dead spaces (44) is formed to be substantially axial, and said two other dead spaces (40, 42) are formed to be substantially offset with respect to the axis (34) of said control member (12).

9.8. (Currently Amended) The hydraulic transformer in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein said displacers are pistons of an axial piston bent-axis unit.